

OPEN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN URBAN – ARCHITECTURAL WORKSHOP OF VILNIUS RAILWAY STATION TERRITORY

On 16th-18th of September of this year, AB Lietuvos Geležinkeliai (Lithuanian Railways) in cooperation with the Architects' Association of Lithuania and Vilnius City Municipality is launching urban-architectural creative workshop, to establish ideas of Vilnius railway station territory reconstruction, while implementing project "Vilnius connect".

It is planned to modernize and transform the territory of more than 20 hectares between Geležinkelio and Pelesos streets and its surroundings into high quality architecture multifunctional business and communication center. This reconstructed territory shall become not only advanced hub of public and private transport, but also an example of contextual urban solutions: connect the Naujininkai district with parts of the New Town and Old Town – developing convenient access for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized vehicles. It is aimed to combine different program functions in new block:

activity of railway station and "Rail Baltica", commuter services, commercial and public services, green spaces servicing recreation of residents and passengers, functions of culture and art, solve issues of parking and traffic. Also, it aims to solve environmental protection challenges by prioritizing public and non-motorized transport, seeking advanced technological solutions, saving energy and reducing pollution.

In order to achieve the highest possible quality of transformation of the territory and its surroundings, Lietuvos Geležinkeliai launches creative workshop (CW), which aims to identify the best urban and architectural ideas or projects (planning, architecture, engineering and etc. of territories) of territory (address: Geležinkelio Street 2, Vilnius) buildings, demands and structure of future activities within the mentioned territory. Results of workshop shall be the base for recommendations for integral development of territory, which shall be used for further architectural competitions and redevelopment of territory.

During the workshop, pre-selected teams of architects will generate, propose and analyse different urban/architectural ideas in course of work. Proposals submitted by teams will be evaluated by workshop commissions consisting of architecture, urban, real estate specialists and community representatives. Workshop will be conducted in English language.

Interdisciplinary teams made up of Lithuanian and foreign urbanists, architects, traffic and public transport specialists, landscape architects, sociologists, real estate development specialists, community representatives and representatives of various interested groups will cooperate during workshop.

Participants of workshop will be selected through open invitations, therefore we invite anyone interested to apply for following positions:

URBANISTS AND ARCHITECTS

- **Urbanist (urban-architectural design expert) – mentor;**
- **Urbanist (urban infrastructure and sustainable mobility expert) – mentor;**
- **Urbanist (landscape, urban ecology and public urban spaces expert) – mentor;**
- **6 urbanist and architects teams;**

- 3 architecture students-trainees.

EXPERTS:

- Sociologist – expert;
- Landscape architect – expert;
- Real estate developer – expert;
- Civil engineering/public transport and communications expert;
- Culture heritage expert.

CONSULTANTS:

- Real estate development specialists;
- Public social activists / representatives of communities

Participants selection commission:

- AB “Lietuvos geležinkeliai” - Julija Abromavičienė;
 - Lithuanian Union of Architects – architect, dr. Inga Urbonaitė-Vadoklienė, Chair of Commission;
 - Lithuanian Union of Architects - architect Matas Šiupšinskas, Secretary of Commission;
 - Foreign expert – architect, urbanist Peter Swinnen;
 - Vilnius City Development Department – Chief architect Mindaugas Pakalnis.
- Lithuanian Real Estate Development Association (LNTPA) assists in selection of Real estate development specialists;
 - Vilnius Community Association assists in selection community representatives.

Results of creative workshops will be evaluated by architect Peter Swinnen, Head of Workshop, Julija Abromavičienė, representative of AB “Lietuvos geležinkeliai”, Mindaugas Pakalnis representative of Vilnius City Development Department, City chief architect, together with cultural heritage expert, landscape architecture expert, sociologist – expert, civil engineering/public transport and communication expert, real estate development expert.

Application submission deadline: 26th August

Contact person: Curator of Workshop Inga Urbonaitė-Vadoklienė, tel. +37062091989, stotiesvizija@gmail.com.

PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS

→ Urbanist (urban-architectural design expert) - mentor:

Selected Applicant will manage assigned teams of participants; will be responsible for analyzed issues of territory volume and composition built-up solutions, valuable features of existing built-up as well as contextualization of new volumes with existing urban environment, preparation of developed built-up functional program scenario, proposals of regeneration stages and development scenario. Applicant will lead the teams towards set targets and will be responsible for teams' expected results delivery on due time. Applicant will advise teams on thematic issues, provide professional insights, manage internal work of team.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in architecture, urbanism, urban planning;
- Applicant must have at least 5-7 years' work experience in large scale complex territories development and reconstruction projects;
- Applicant must have 2 years' experience in leading creative team;
- Applicant must have experience in leading creative workshop;
- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies in urban planning, follow economic logic, to be interested in futurology and must have advanced and innovative thinking;
- Applicant must submit 3 sheets of A 4 format, which present 3 projects of complex territories (at least 1 realization) of similar scope and complexity as analysed territory of railway station, with brief description of each project, revealing relevance of presented work experience and its value for workshop. Presentation must be in English language;
- Applicant must submit 1 sheet of A4 format, containing presentation with name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail, also motivation to participate in this workshop. Presentation must be in English;
- Application documents must be sent in pdf format (maximum 5 MB of total file size) by e-mail stotiesvizija@gmail.com;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

Selected Applicant will be paid 3000 Eur fee. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable. All copyright and property rights of workshop result will be transferred to AB "Lietuvos gelezinkeliai" after end of workshop. Vilnius Municipality has the right to use the results for preparation of Detail Plan of territory.

→ **Urbanist (urban infrastructure and sustainable mobility expert) – mentor:**

Selected Applicant will manage assigned teams of participants; will be responsible for analyzed infrastructure solutions, ensure solutions urban connection and relation with environment, sustainable mobility aspects, ensure synergy between public and private transport. Applicant will lead the assigned teams towards set targets and will be responsible for teams' expected results delivery on due time. Applicant will advise teams on thematic issues, provide professional insights, manage internal work of team.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of urbanism, urban planning, civil engineering or communication systems;
- Applicant must have at least 5-7 years' work experience in large scale complex and infrastructure projects (preferred international experience);
- Applicant must have 2 years' experience in leading creative team;
- Applicant must have experience in leading creative workshop;
- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies in urban planning, follow economic logic, to be interested in futurology and must have advanced and innovative thinking;
- Applicant must submit 3 sheets of A4 format, which present 3 projects of infrastructure and complex territories (at least 1 realization) of similar scope and complexity as analyzed territory of railway station, with brief description of each project, revealing relevance of presented work experience and its value for workshop. Presentation must be in English language;
- Applicant must submit 1 sheet of A4 format, containing presentation with name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail, also motivation and suitability to participate in this workshop. Presentation must be in English;
- Application documents must be sent in pdf format (maximum 5 MB of total file size) by e-mail stotiesvizija@gmail.com;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

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→ **Urbanist (landscape, urban ecology and public urban spaces expert) - mentor:**

Selected Applicant will manage assigned teams of participants; will be responsible for analyzed architectural solutions of public spaces, green urban connections, green plants system, urban ecology and environmental protection aspects. Applicant will lead the assigned teams towards set targets and will be responsible for teams' expected results delivery on due time. Applicant will advise teams on thematic issues, provide professional insights, manage internal work of team.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of architecture, urbanism and landscape architecture;
- Applicant must have at least 5-7 years' work experience in large scale complex urban landscape architecture projects (preferred international experience);
- Applicant must have 2 years' experience in leading creative team;
- Applicant must have experience in leading creative workshop;
- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies in urban planning, follow economic logic, to be interested in futurology and must have advanced and innovative thinking;
- Applicant must submit 3 sheets of A 4 format, which present 3 projects of complex territories landscape (at least 1 realization) of similar scope and complexity as analyzed territory of railway station, with brief description of each project, revealing relevance of presented work experience and its value for workshop. Presentation must be in English language;
- Applicant must submit 1 sheet of A4 format, containing presentation with name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail, also motivation to participate in this workshop. Presentation must be in English;
- Application documents must be sent in pdf format (maximum 5 MB of total file size) by e-mail stotiesvizija@gmail.com;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

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→ **6 urbanists and architects teams**

We invite teams of urbanists and architects with experience in developing complex urban territories. Teams in cooperation with professionals of other fields will have to establish and present urban ideas of territory development.

- Team shall consist of 2 architects with higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of architecture and /or urbanism, at least one of whom must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) in specialization of urbanism; team members must have 3 years' experience in developing complex urban territories, preparing Detail Plans and/or urban visions of similar scope;
- Team can invite one technical assistant, if needed;
- Team must submit 3 sheets of A 4 format, which present 3 projects they have designed (preferably at least 1 realization) of similar scope and complexity as analyzed territory of railway station, with brief description of each project, revealing relevance of presented work experience and its value for workshop. This experience of team members can be gained working separately. Presentation must be in English language;
- Team must submit 1 sheet of A4 format, containing presentation of team with name of team also names and surnames of team members, education information and work

experience of each team member, contact phone number and e-mail, also common motivation of team to participate in this workshop. Presentation must be in English;

- Application documents must be sent in pdf format (maximum 5 MB of total file size) by e-mail stotiesvizija@gmail.com;
- Experience in designing transport hub (and similar objects) projects would be an advantage;
- Team members must be able fluently discuss professional topics in English;
- During workshop participants must have their own laptops with architectural designing and drawing software necessary for work.

Selected teams of urbanists-architects will be paid 2000 Eur fee. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable. All copyright and property rights of workshop result will be transferred to AB "Lietuvos gelezinkeliai" after end of workshop. Vilnius Municipality has the right to use the results for preparation of Detail Plan of territory.

→ 3 architecture students-trainees

We invite students of urbanism – architecture of higher education institutions to join creative workshop! Students of architecture will have unique opportunity of direct collaboration with the best teams of Lithuanian and foreign urbanists-architects, to contribute to project and development of territory significant for Vilnius and Lithuania, to gain valuable interdisciplinary work experience, to get acquainted with development process of creative workshop, to assist in preparation of creative workshop material. Results of creative workshop will be placed together in guidance publication, participants of creative workshop will receive official letter confirming their participation.

- Third-year and post-graduate students of architecture of higher education institutions can apply;
- Applicants must submit 1 sheet of A 3 format with creative introduction and motivation what they can do to be useful for process of creative workshop;
- Presentation must contain name and surname, e-mail and phone number, name and course of higher education institution;
- Presentation must be in English;
- Application documents must be sent in pdf format (maximum 5 MB of total file size) by e-mail stotiesvizija@gmail.com;
- Applicants must bring their laptops with necessary software;
- Applicants undertake to participate in workshop from start to its end.

Students of architecture will not be paid for participation in creative workshop. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable. All copyright and property rights of workshop result will be transferred to AB "Lietuvos gelezinkeliai" after end of workshop. Vilnius Municipality has the right to use the results for preparation of Detail Plan of territory.

EXPERTS

→ **Sociologist-expert:**

Selected Applicant will advise urbanists, architects of creative workshop on urban sociology issues, provide professional insights and reflections on their work, will share professional methods and tools, will ensure that interests of all social groups would be taken into account in developed ideas. Will participate in evaluation commission work during presentation of creative workshop results and will provide written expert conclusions on further development of territory in English.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor/master) degree in field of (urban) sociology, anthropology, philosophy and/or similar;
- Has published at least 5 articles in reviewed publications;
- Discuss and analyse issues of urban sociology, links between society and architectural environment, challenges of creating social urban space, issues of urban gentrification in his working activity;
- Study of transit areas problems, study of urban regeneration in working practice would be a great advantage;
- Applicant must submit CV and letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English;
- Submitted documents must include name and surname, information on education and working experience, list of publications, contact phone number and e-mail;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

Selected Applicant will be paid 500 Eur fee. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable. All copyright and property rights of workshop result will be transferred to AB "Lietuvos gelezinkeliai" after end of workshop. Vilnius Municipality has the right to use the results for preparation of Detail Plan of territory.

→ **Landscape architect-expert:**

Selected Applicant will advise urbanists, architects of creative workshop on landscaping architecture issues, will provide professional insights and reflections on their work, will share professional methods and tools, will ensure that balanced green public spaces system would be escalated in developed ideas, taking into account environmental protection and environmental ecology issues. Will participate in evaluation commission work during presentation of creative workshop results and will provide written expert conclusions on further development of territory in English.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of architecture, urbanism and landscape architecture;
- Applicant must have work experience in 3 projects of similar scope and nature complex territories landscaping, projects of public spaces and parks/squares;

- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies in urban planning, follow economic logic, to be interested in futurology and must have advanced and innovative thinking;
- Must be active public figure and/or to be engaged in academic activity applied in working practice;
- Applicant must submit portfolio and letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English;
- Submitted documents must include name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail,
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

Selected Applicant will be paid 500 Eur fee. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable.

→ **Civil engineering/public transport and communications expert:**

Selected Applicant will advise urbanists, architects of creative workshop on communication, organization of public transport issues, will provide professional insights and reflections on their work, will share professional methods and tools, will ensure that sustainable mobility principles, prioritization of public transport, ensuring of high quality transport links with surrounding territories, development of advanced and balanced transport hub would be escalated in developed ideas. Will participate in evaluation commission work during presentation of creative workshop results and will provide written expert conclusions on further development of territory in English.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of urbanism, environmental engineering, civil engineering or public transport and communications;
- Applicant must have work experience in 3 projects of similar scope and nature complex territories communication systems, projects of sustainable mobility;
- Applicant must be well familiar with prepared Master Plan of Vilnius City and sustainable mobility plan, must be able to comment/interpret/consult on it freely.
- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies in urban planning, follow economic logic, to be interested in futurology and must have advanced and innovative thinking;
- Applicant must submit portfolio and letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English;
- Submitted documents must include name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

Participation in creative workshop is free of charge, selected Applicant will be paid 500 Eur fee. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable.

→ **Real estate development expert:**

Selected Applicant will advise urbanists, architects of creative workshop on real estate development issues, will provide professional insights and reflections on their work, will share professional methods and tools, will ensure that business logic, financial feasibility of possible solutions and attractive investment environment possibilities would be escalated in developed ideas. Will participate in evaluation commission work during presentation of creative workshop results and will provide written expert conclusions on further development of territory in English.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of real estate development, business and/or economics and/or investments and/or finance;
- Applicant must have 10 years' work experience in real estate development sector;
- Applicant must have work experience in preparation, evaluation, analysis of investment real estate projects (at least 5 realized projects of complex purpose, with minimum size of 20 000 square meters);
- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies, futurology, provide consultancies based on economic logic, advanced and innovative thinking;
- Applicant must submit CV and letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English;
- Submitted documents must include name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

Selected Applicant will be paid 500 Eur fee. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable.

→ Cultural heritage expert:

Selected Applicant will advise urbanists of creative workshop on cultural heritage protection issues, will provide professional insights and reflections on their work, will share professional methods and tools, will ensure that all valid regulations of protection would be followed in developed ideas. Will participate in evaluation commission work during presentation of creative workshop results and will provide written expert conclusions on further development of territory in English.

Applicants' requirements:

- must have higher university education;
- must have minimum 7 years' work experience in field of cultural heritage protection;
- know laws and other legislation, regulating real estate heritage protection;
- participate in at least 3 expertise examination (special) of heritage protection;
- know criteria for evaluation and selection of real estate cultural heritage values;
- know and be able to explain heritage protection requirements;
- know heritage management regulations;
- be able to evaluate and analyze projects of managed heritage protection works;
- know and be able to explain provisions of international documents of heritage protection.

CONSULTANTS

→ 3 real estate specialists:

Selected Applicants will advise urbanists, architects of creative workshop on real estate development issues, will provide professional insights and reflections on their work, will share professional methods and tools, will ensure that business logic, financial feasibility of possible solutions and attractive investment environment possibilities would be escalated in developed ideas.

- Applicant must have higher education (bachelor and/or master) degree in field of real estate development, business and/or economics and/or investments and/or finance;
- Applicant must have 5 years' work experience in real estate development sector;
- Applicant must have work experience in preparation, evaluation, analysis of investment real estate projects (at least 2 realized projects of complex purpose, with minimum size of 20 000 square meters);
- Applicant must have knowledge in environmental protection issues, application of new technologies, futurology, provide consultancies based on economic logic, advanced and innovative thinking;
- Applicant must submit CV and letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English;
- Submitted documents must include name and surname, education information and work experience, contact phone number and e-mail;
- Applicant must be fluent in English.

Participation in creative workshop is not paid. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable.

→ 3 public social activists/representatives of communities

Selected Applicants will represent needs of communities of surrounding territories as well as needs of residents of Vilnius City, will participate in discussions, will provide proposals and feedback to teams of urbanists and architects.

Participants' requirements:

- to be active public figures and duly represent interests of residents of Vilnius City;
- understand basic principles of city planning, be familiar with city planning documents, related legal regulations, laws and other documents;
- understand needs and expectations of represented community;
- be able discuss on urban planning issues in fluent English;
- be able to work in interdisciplinary team;
- be well familiar with public transport system of Vilnius city, its problems;
- be interested in advanced urban planning trends, participate in various public projects, initiate community-building campaigns.

Applicants must submit letter of motivation in English and two recommendations from members of community. Free meal will be provided during workshop. Accommodation and travel expenses are non-refundable.